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NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR YESTERDAY ELABORATED ON HIS CONVERSATION WITH KHRUSHCHEV REPORTED MYTELS 1601, 1611, AND 1658. KHRUSHCHEV TOLD HIM THAT IF WEST STUPID ENOUGH TO FOLLOW LINE TAKEN BY ALSOP IN A RECENT COLUMN AND SENT TROOPS OR TANKS TO FORCE THEIR WAY TO BERLIN, THEY WOULD BE MET BY EVEN GREATER NUMBER OF TROOPS AND TANKS. IF THEY THEN CAME BACK WITH BIGGER COLUMN THEY WOULD FIND STILL GREATER FORCES OPPOSING THEM. WHEN NORWEGIAN OBSERVED THAT SUCH A SITUATION MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO CONTROL AND THAT PEACE OF WORLD MIGHT TURN ON DECISION OF SOME LIEUTENANT, KHRUSHCHEV SHRUGGED AND SAID RESPONSIBILITY WOULD BE ON WEST FOR ATTEMPTING SUCH TACTICS.

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